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Dear Brother Garrison

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I have just had a few moments conversation with two Sailors, (Dunbar and Stetson,) who have just left here for Boston in the 3 O'Clk train of Cars. By referring to the Liberator of July 2d thou will there find a Statement in relation to Capt Davis of the brig Woodstock taking a fugitive Slave by the name of Peter, back to Savannah, the Property of Jonathan Lucas of Charleston S.C. As it was nearly time for the Cars to start I had but a moment to converse with them, they informed me they sailed from Boston in the brig Woodstock, on the afternoon of (Perhaps) the 5th of June, sometime the next day, a colored man made his appearance from the Cabin, was sent forward to do some work, no one knew before that there was any such man on board, not even the Mate, the Capt said if they wanted any carpenter ing done Peter could do it, as he was a first rate workman, Dunbar says Peter told him that Capt Davis saw him while in Boston, and knew he was a Slave, (probably informed by the Capt of the Reporter) and told him the Officers were after him for the purpose of carrying him back to Charleston, that his brig was lying a little below, he would show him where, that he was going to Portland, Maine and he (Peter) had better secure himself on board, and he was going to sail directly and would take him out of the reach of his enemies, his consternation can better be imagined than described, on being informed of the treachery practiced upon him, Dunbar says Capt Davis spoke repeatedly of the large reward he should get for him, but he thinks the Capt was disappointed, he doubts whether he got anything, as he appeared to be quite low spirited after they arrived at Savannah,

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he there had Peters put in jail, and sent word to Lucas that he was in safe keeping, Lucas is represented as a wealthy, independent ~~s~~ man, caring but little for any one, he probably viewed the transaction as too bare and mean to be sanctioned even by a Slave holder, It seems it was this bare act of treachery on the part of Capt Davis, an act that ought to cover even a Savage with everlasting infamy, that called forth such a warm expression of gratitude from the "chivalrous South" see the Savannah Georgian of June 15th. Have the North nothing to do with Slavery?

Our friend Blackburn has gone to Boston this afternoon, I introduced him to ~~the~~ Dunbar & Stetson, and gave him the street and number where they stop, if any of our Anti Slavery friends wish to see them, they can be found at 103 Broad street, they told me they should probably remain there two or three weeks to regain their healths, our Health officer, or rather the Physician, informs me that they have conducted themselves with a great deal of propriety whilst here, and that they appear to be men of strict veracity, had I have known of their being here sooner I should have had more conversation with them upon the subject, in haste I am respectfully

John Bailey

P S We have adjourned our County meeting to day, to a week from to day, and we expect our Boston friends will come prepared to stay at least two days, we cannot think of having less than a two days meeting "The harvest truly is great but the laborers are few!"

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